



File Code: 1950

Date: October 1, 2014

Dear Friends:

The individual holding a recreation residence permit for lot 10B (STF0124) on the St. Francis National Forest's Bear Creek Lake (BCL) recreation residence tract has submitted a request to install a propane tank. Before this change can be authorized, the permit must be amended. A map showing the location of lot 10B is attached.

The request is consistent with the St. Francis National Forest Recreation Residence Guidelines (Guidelines, page 11). I am proposing permit number STF0124 be amended to list a propane tank as an authorized improvement.

I have made a preliminary determination that 1) the proposed activity falls within the following category of actions listed in regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 220.6 that are excluded from documentation in and Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, and 2) there are no extraordinary circumstances that would preclude the use of this category.

FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, § 32.2 (3) (vi): *“Approval, modification or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest System lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land.”* [36 CFR 220.6(e)(3)]

The only alternative to the action currently being considered is a No Action Alternative in which the request will be denied. My decision will not be subject to administrative review, but I want to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known. Provided no substantive reason to deny this request is identified through public comment, I will sign a Decision Memo initiating the permit amendment process.

I will consider all comments received, including those submitted anonymously, but only those who provide contact information will be notified of my decision on this matter. Please note that all comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be available for public inspection.

How to comment

Comments need to be within the scope of and have a direct relationship to the Proposed Action and include supporting reasons for me to consider. Please send written comments to me, Deputy District Ranger Mary Maercklein at the address shown in the letter head by October 17, 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via facsimile @ (870) 295-5278 or may be hand-delivered to our office between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-



stfrancis@fs.fed.us. Please state “*BCL 10B Permit Amendment*” in the subject line when providing electronic comments.

If you have questions

If you have any questions related to this proposal or want more information about it, please contact me at (870) 295-5278 or Natural Resources Assistant J. Swafford at (870) 269-3228.

Sincerely,

/s/ ***Mary Maercklein***

MARY MAERCKLEIN
Deputy District Ranger, Sylamore-St. Francis Ranger District

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Attachment (1 map)



St. Francis National Forest

Proposed Modifications for Lots 10b
T1N-R4E Section 5

